

Remarks / Arguments

Claims 1-37 are pending. Claims 25-33 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-24 and 34-37 stand rejected. In the present office action, the § 112, ¶1 and ¶2 rejections of claims 1-24 and the prior art rejections of certain claims as being anticipated or obvious by U. S. Pat. No. 6,310,019 ("Kakizawa et al.") have been removed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the removal of these rejections.

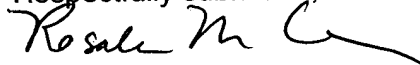
Claims 1, and claims 2-5 and 7-10 which depend therefrom, 11 and claims 12-24 which depend therefrom, claim 34, and claims 35-36 which depend therefrom, and claim 37 are rejected as allegedly being anticipated under 35 USC § 102(e) by published patent application 2004/0029396 ("Zhang et al."). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being rendered obvious by Zhang et al. Enclosed herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 that establishes that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the Zhang et al. reference was derived from the inventors of the present application. Applicants respectfully request the removal of the prior art rejections of these claims because the present application and the Zhang et al. application are not "by another".

SUMMARY

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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